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August 20, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

IN RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R., Section 54.314, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that the carriers listed in Attachment A to this letter are rural incumbent local exchange carriers; and, that all companies listed have provided sworn affidavits stating that all federal high cost support received during 2004 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrade of facilities and service for which support is intended.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Walsi

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Attachment:

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery
Universal Service Administrative Company
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ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551